taken up. The proposal for the opening up of a canal connecting Kunnamkulam with the Conolly canal has unfortunately been turned down by the Madras Government. As a result of representations recently made to me at Kunnamkulam Government propose to reconsider this matter. Provision has been made in the budget for the taking on hand of some of these schemes almost immediately.

Work of Advisory Committees.

12. The experiment of associating Advisory Committees of this House with the administration of the various departments is already proving successful. The four committees that were set up by this House have each held one meeting so far. In addition to the many proposals made by the members of these committees Government placed for consideration of these committees many schemes and proposals. Altogether 70 resolutions were passed by the four committees. Of these resolutions 35 have been accepted by Government and 26 resolutions are still pending consideration of Government. Government were so far unable to accept only 9 of these resolutions. This is the surest proof of the influence that the deliberations of these committees have upon the day to day administration of Government. It is hoped that as the committees themselves gain more experience they would become more useful partners with the Government in the administration of the State. The responsiveness of Government to Public opinion is again indicated by the measures adopted in response to resolutions passed by this House about the grievances of the arecanut growers. It was as a result of a resolution of this House that Regulation I of 1110 was repealed and this measure has been followed up by the decision of Government to give licenses for the opening of more arecanut markets at different convenient centres in the State. During the many discussions that were held in this House on this subject it was urged by almost every non-official Member that the licensing of more markets would set up the forces of competition and thereby enable the arecanut growers to secure better prices for their commodities. Government have been impressed with the arguments advanced in support of this contention and a decision has already been taken to license more markets from the beginning of Chingom 1112. I hope that this facility will go a long way in helping arecanut growers.

Recruitment to Public Services.

13. There is one other subject which has been brought

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